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SUBJECT: NEW FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO GDR

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1. THE NEW FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO GDR, OSMO KOCK, WAS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE FINNISH PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE, WHICH IS A COMMUNIST-FRONT ORGANIZATION, FROM 1966 TO 1970, AND AGAIN FROM 1972 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, KOCK HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY SINCE 1965. HE WAS ALSO A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED FINNISH PEACE DEFENDERS ORGANIZATION IN 1966, HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE FINNISH-POLISH SOCIETY SINCE 1951, AND BECAME A MEMBER OF THE ARAB PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE IN 1970. IN 1966 KOCK ATTENDED FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATIONS IN THE USSR AS A MEMBER OF THE FINNISH-SOVIET SOCIETY DELEGATION.

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2. THERE CONSEQUENTLY SEEMS TO BE A GOOD DEAL OF JUSTIFICATION FOR THE CONVICTION HELD BY THE MAJORITY OF WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN BERLIN THAT KOCK CANNOT BE RELIED UPON TO KEEP WESTERN CONFIDENCES.

3. THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT IS WELL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT KOCK'S COMMUNIST TIES ARE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. THIS BEING THE CASE, WE FEEL THAT THERE NEED NOT BE ANY CONCERN ABOUT EXCLUDING HIM FROM THE PERIODIC DELIBERATIONS OF WESTERN DIPLOMATS, SINCE NEITHER KOCK NOR THE GOF REALLY HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT ANYTHING BUT THAT.

4. FURTHER BIO INFO WILL BE SUBMITTED BY SEPARATE AIRGRAM.
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